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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: GON RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S LETTER ON CAMBODIA

REF: STATE 254489

1. MFA JOINT SECRETARY BHATT CALLED IN DCM DECEMBER 27 TO GIVE HIM SIGNED COPY OF FOREIGN MINISTER KARKI'S RESPONSE TO SECREATARY'S LETTERHVO KING BIRENDRA ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE. TEXT IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE EXCELLENCY,HBIS MAJESTY THE KING OF NEPAL HAS RECEIVED
Y
QR KIND LETTER ON CAMBODIAN ISSUE BEFORE THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HIS MAJESTY HAS COHHANDED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU HIS SENSE OF DEEP APPRECIATION FOR INFORMING US ABOUT THE UNITED STATES POSITION BS THIS QUESTION.

HIS MAJESTY'S GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM AS SET OUT IN YOUR LETTER. WE ARE IN GENERAL AG
GEMENT WITH YOUR VIEW ABOUT
THE NEED TO END HOSTILITIES AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

HOWEVER, ON THE PARTICULAR ASPECT OF THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WE FOUND OURSELVES BOUND TO SUPPORT THE DECISIONS TAKEN AT THE ALGIERS SUMMIT. IN FACT WE HAD ALREADY COMMITTED OURSELVES TO THIS POSITION
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LAST YEAR. THEREFORESQT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR US TO

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CHANGE OUR POSITION THIS YEAR. WHILE NEPAL AND THE UNITED STATES SEEM TO HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON THE CAMBODIAN ISSUE IT IS FA EARNEST HOPE THAT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS BASED ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPEI
OF EACH OTHER'S POINTS OF VIEW THIS ISSUE WILL NOT ALLOW ANY MISUNDERSTANDING TO GROW BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

PLEASESICCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. CYANENDRA BAHADUR KARKI, FOREIGN MINISHRR UNQUOTE

2. HOINT SECRETARY BHATT DREW THE DCM'S ATTENTION TO THE SENTENCE IN PARAGRAPH 3 IN WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTES THAT THE GON HAD ALREAES COMMITTED ITSELF TO SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA LAST YEAR. BHAMBT SAID THAT THIS SENTENCE HAD BEEN ADDED AS AMKNALIQUE REFER
CE TO THE KINGZNS COMMITMENT TO
PRINCE SIHANOUK IN PEKING A YEAR AGO. HE HOPED USG WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT WAS THIS COMMITMENTSQHICH UNDERLAY THE BASIRDGON POSITION. BHADJISAID THAT THE SIGNED ORIGINAL OF THE LETTER HAD BEEN POUCHEDO AMBASSADOR KHANAL WHO WOULD BE PRESENTINLEIT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON RECEIPT. CARGO

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